

Cottonwood Heights City
MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
November 17, 2021
Virtual ZOOM Meeting / Recorded

Present*: Jennifer Shah, Erin Davis, Chris Owens, Bruce Jorgensen, Melissa Fields, Greg Hilbig, Sarah Ricketts, Greg Reid, Ronna Cohen, and Ben Hill

Management & Staff*: Michael Johnson, and Councilmember Christine Mikell

**Unless otherwise noted here, the attendees appeared via ZOOM – Virtual meeting.*

Summary and Key Actions

- In 2021, Salt Lake County gave the City two parks – Mill Hollow park and Butler Park. To date only Mill Hollow has be transferred to the city.
 - The city is moving forward on three grant funded projects on Fort Union Blvd
 - In 2022, committee meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month
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Welcome

Ms. Jennifer Shah, committee chair called the meeting to order and welcomed Committee members, management, and staff. Ms. Shah read to the committee a virtual public meeting statement from the Governor’s Executive Order.

City Staff / Council / Service Area Update

Mike Johnson, Cottonwood Heights City Community & Economic Development Director reported to the committee on the past presentation to the city council the three committee proposed priority projects that include the Ferguson Canyon trailhead site improvements, pollinator garden at Mountview Park, and hammock poles at a selected park.

As a reminder in 2021, Salt Lake County gave the City two parks – Mill Hollow Park and Butler Park. To date only Mill Hollow Park has be transferred to the city. The city anticipates that the planned Butler Park funds would be available for committee projects because the park transfer with Salt Lake County was not realized in 2021. The City is conducting cost estimates for the proposed committee projects. Mr. Johnson asked the committee for a recommendation on the desired scope of the Ferguson Canyon trailhead (landscaping and/or access points) as well as other priority projects.

Committee chair Jennifer Shah began a committee discussion to create recommendations regarding Mr. Johnson request. A complete list of desired committee project recommendations and priorities will be offered and presented to the city in a future council meeting.

Committee member Ronna Cohen mentioned her understanding and experience in the volunteer trail clean-up at the Mount Olympus Trail and the possibility of duplicating the program in Ferguson Canyon. She will present the volunteer effort and her experience with the clean-up program as an agenda item for the

committee's January meeting. The committee recommended that the City augment its budget to allow the Service Area to allocate more man hours to the Ferguson Park Trail ongoing maintenance.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the recent grant application projects that the council has identified and have shown support to move forward: Fort Union/Nye Drive signalized pedestrian crossing or Hawk signal (TAP Grant), Fort Union Boulevard Operations Project (STP Grant), and the Fort Union property acquisition fund for bike lane and sidewalk (corridor preservation). The bike lane will expand a existing sidewalk and allow better access for cyclists and Ridgecrest Elementary School.

He also confirmed that future meeting dates in 2022 will be on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The meeting date change will be presented to the city council for approval. Lastly, the committee was told that the master plan had been approved by the city.

The new Park Sponsorship pilot program will be available in 2022 for the Ferguson Park and announced in the city's December newsletter. Several sponsorable park amenities and governing rules were outlined. The city is targeting several properties along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail for improvements. Many details are not available at this time as the city works with property owners and state funding options.

Ben Hill, Service Area Executive Director updated the committee on the McIntire Park water tower "lid". It will not be replaced but repaired internally and externally by SLC Public Utilities. The permanent structures on the lid will not be allowed only the benches will remain. Possible programming painted lines will be allowed on the lid. Portable features would be allowed. The Service Area is negotiating with SLC Public Utilities on its use and fair market value of a lease. The Service Area continues to provide park maintenance on the McIntire property. Lastly, Ben confirmed planned blackout Saturday dates in 2022 will be given to the SPOCK skateboard camp for their park use to minimize public park use conflicts.

The October committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved. 2002 committee officers were presented to the committee: Greg Reid – Chair, Michael Menssen Vice Chair, and Paula McFarland – Secretary were unanimously approved by the attending committee members. Ms. Shah presented a PowerPoint of the committee's 2021 accomplishments and 2022 recommendations. The slides were prepared for a city presentation and report.

Ms. Christine Mikell, CH Councilwoman reaffirmed her support of a safe bike path on Bengal Blvd and future city funding of the project.

No new business was introduced by the committee. There was no public attendance or comment at today's committee meeting. Committee action items were reviewed.

Ms. Shah asked the committee for agenda items and ideas for the January 27, 2022 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Shah adjourned the meeting.

Michael Johnson

Date

Jennifer Shah

Date